

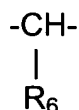
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.(currently amended) ~~A Use of a drag-reducing agent containing~~

a) a zwitterionic surfactant of the formula

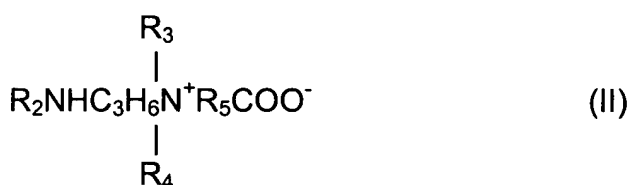


where R_1 is acyl group with 12-16 carbon atoms, R_3 and R_4 are independently of each other an alkyl group of 1-4 carbon atoms or an hydroxyalkyl group of 2-4 carbon atoms and R_5 is an alkylene group of 1-4 carbon atoms, preferably CH_2 or a group



where R_6 is an alkyl group of 1-3 carbon atoms,

b) a zwitterionic surfactant of the formula



where R_2 is an acyl group with 18-22 carbon atoms, and R_3 , R_4 and R_5 have the meanings mentioned above, and

c) an anionic surfactant of the formulae



or a mixture thereof, where R_7 is an aliphatic group of 8-14 carbon atoms, A is an alkylene group having 2-4 carbon atoms, n is a number from 1 to 10, B is a sulphate group OSO_3M , E is a sulphate group OSO_3M or a sulphonate group $-\text{SO}_3\text{M}$ and M is a cationic, preferably monovalent group;

the weight of a), b) and c) being 20-95% by weight, 0-70% by weight and 1-50% by weight, respectively, based on the total amount of a), b) and c);
in an amount of a), b) and c) of 50-400 ppm in water having an electrolyte content from 0.01-7% by weight.

2.(currently amended) The drag reducing agent of ~~Use according to~~ claim 1, wherein the component a) and b) are present in an amount of 20-85% by weight and 10-70% by weight, respectively.

3.(currently amended) ~~Use according to~~ The drag reducing agent of claim 1 or 2, wherein R₂ contains at least 50% by weight of unsaturated acyl groups.

4.(currently amended) The drag reducing agent of ~~Use according to~~ claim 3, wherein R₂ contains at least 20% by weight of two or more double bonds.

5.(currently amended) The drag reducing agent of claim 1 ~~Use according to any one of claims 1-4~~, wherein c) is lauryl sulphate, a lauryl (oxyethylene)_n sulphate, where n is 1-3, or lauryl sulphonate.

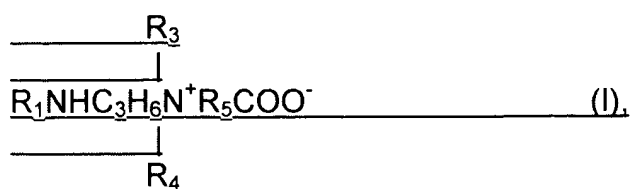
6.(currently amended) The drag reducing agent of claim 1 wherein ~~Use according to any one of claims 1-5~~, **characterized in that** the water has an electrolyte content of 0.3-6% by weight.

7. (canceled)

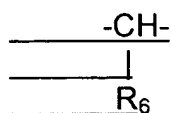
8.(currently amended) Injection water for the treatment of oil reservoirs,

~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said water contains

a) a zwitterionic surfactant of the formula

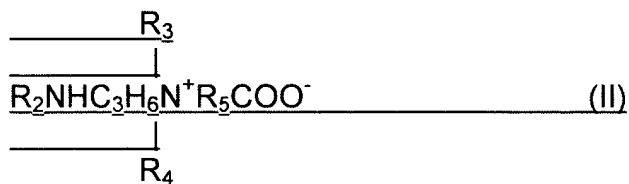


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the components a), b) and c) as defined in claims 1-5 in a wherein the total amount of the components a), b) and c) is from 50-400 ppm and said water has an electrolyte content of 0.01-7% by weight.

9.(currently amended) Injection water according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein said water contains electrolytes in an amount of 0.3-6% by weight.

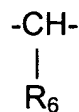
10.(currently amended) Injection water according to claim 8 or 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the water is sea-water or production water.

11. (new) A method of reducing drag in waters containing electrolytes which comprises adding to said waters at least one drag-reducing agent containing

a) a zwitterionic surfactant of the formula



where R_1 is acyl group with 12-16 carbon atoms, R_3 and R_4 are independently of each other an alkyl group of 1-4 carbon atoms or an hydroxyalkyl group of 2-4 carbon atoms and R_5 is an alkylene group of 1-4 carbon atoms, preferably CH_2 or a group



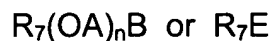
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in an amount of a), b) and c) of 50-400 ppm in water wherein said water has an electrolyte content from 0.01-7% by weight.

12.(new) The method of claim 11, wherein the component a) and b) are present in an amount of 20-85% by weight and 10-70% by weight, respectively.

13.(new) The method of claim 11 wherein R_2 contains at least 50% by weight of unsaturated acyl groups.

14.(new) The method of claim 11 wherein R_2 contains at least 20% by weight of two or more double bonds.

15.(new) The method of claim 11 wherein c) is lauryl sulphate, a lauryl (oxyethylene)_n sulphate, where n is 1-3, or lauryl sulphonate.

16.(new) The method of claim 11 wherein the water has an electrolyte content of 0.3-6% by weight.